1) Call to Order: 1:53 PM

2) Approval of Minutes for 2-10-16   Dan moved, Katie seconded, approved.


   It was agreed that this activity is beyond our mission and not in our purview. Jeff will reply that we discussed it and shared the flyer with Executive Committee, but cannot offer any support or endorsement.

4) Signage request/web support Shaw/Jelke Creek – The Jelke Creek watershed group was planning to mimic the signs used by Sleepy Hollow Creek. They thought it would be nice to have unity in signage for residents in neighboring. They planned to put signs along major roads where they cross the creek. They were going to put the Jelke Creek website on the bottom of the sign, but if there was interest in the Fox River watershed to go with uniform signage across the watershed, they could consider all using the FREP website. They would even come up with a uniform sign and make the creek name as a separate tag.

   We pointed out that Kane County offered generic stream signs, and they have used those before, adding the subwatershed specific label. Rob pointed out that KDOT has more of these signs that say Kane County Streams that could be used with the subwatershed posted below it. We do like the concept of unified signage for the public, and acknowledged that this extends beyond Kane County. Jeff will get back to Dave Poweleit, that is a good concept and we will try and support their efforts. We will work to match our website page content to their needs and ask them to keep us informed to do so. The Kane County Stream signs are available and the contact at the Environmental & Water Resources Dept. is Cecilia Govrik. Anyone who would want to put up such signage in Kane County or elsewhere in the watershed would still need to work with Township or County DOT. Dan moved, Maggie seconded, to approve that if they want to use the FREP logo on such signage, with notification, it be allowed. It was approved. NOTE: Becky and I forgot that we had given him verbal approval to proceed while we were at the Summit – hence the reason we knew he was going ahead with them.

5) Status and position on white water rafting facility in St Charles – Jeff provided an overview of the plan for St. Charles. He anticipates that eventually, FREP will be asked to take a position. The current plan doesn’t significantly address fish passage, water quality or environmental benefits. There are concerns of liability after the modifications, either to City of St. Charles or St. Charles Park District. We need to continue to study and ask questions.

6) Status and position on Longmeadow Bridge – It was discussed and decided that FREP should not take position on the Longmeadow Bridge/Parkway as it may present a conflict for several of our member organizations. FREP will simply seek factual information and encourage KDOT to ensure that the project is the best it can be environmentally.
7) Great Lake Basin rail line proposal to cross lower Fox River – It was discussed and decided that FREP should not take position on the Great Lake Basin Railway, again because it may compromise some FREP members. FREP will again see factual information and encourage the project proponents to make it the most environmentally responsible project is can be.

8) Review of promotional/membership materials and ideas – Becky handed out copies of the updated note to go with the renewal membership statements. We will continue tweaking the wording for this and create new materials for prospective members, via email. At our May 11 meeting we need to pull together our list of prospects so they are ready for the June mailing. The group consensus on Jeff’s suggested tag line for FREP (perhaps beneath out logo on many publications) is *Fostering Stewardship and Collaboration*.

9) Old Business - Integrated Watershed Plan Review. Maggie will review Stormwater. We need all the comments for May 11 meeting.

10) New Business – Summer recreational event coordinated by Bill. He suggests the dates July 8th or 22nd. July 8th is preferred for Jeff.

11) Adjournment - Maggie moved, Elizabeth seconded. Adjourned 3:36 PM

Minutes taken and submitted by Becky Hoag on behalf of Andrea Cline.